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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



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OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER
OF HEALTH

AND

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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SELBY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Chairman: Councillor W. R. Holder, J.P.

Vice-Chairman: Councillor C. Coultish.

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Chairman: Councillor Burrans.

Vice-Chairman: Councillor Reed.

Medical Officer of Health:

S. KENNAUGH APPLETON, M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.T.M.

Senior Public Health Inspector:

WILKINSON LITTLE, M.P.H.I.A.

Cert. S.I. Board

Cert. Meat and Food Inspection R.S.I.

Additional Public Health Inspector:

P. D. BEADLE, M.S.I.A.

Cert. S.I. Board

(Resigned 13th June, 1956)

Clerk:

Mrs. JOAN FOSTER

(Resigned 6th July, 1956)

Miss BARBARA LEWIS

(Appointed 5th June, 1956)

To the **Chairman and Members of the Selby Urban District Council.**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my tenth Annual Report on the health of the Urban District and the work of the Public Health Department for the year 1956.

There were 136 live births registered, giving a Birth Rate of 13.3 per thousand population (Adjusted Birth Rate 13.5). A decrease of 14 in the number of births gives a rate below the Aggregate County Rate for Urban Districts of 15.8 and the National Rate of 15.7.

123 deaths occurred, giving a Crude Death Rate of 12.1 (Adjusted Death Rate 11.2). The aggregate County Rate was 12.6 and the rate for England and Wales 11.7. Births exceeded deaths by 13.

Four infants died under the age of one year, giving an Infant Mortality Rate of 29.4. The National Rate was 23.8 a new low record.

The incidence of notifiable infectious disease was low, only 43 cases being reported.

Registration for vaccination against poliomyelitis was made available in the early part of the year and the parents of 343 children born between 1947 and 1954 applied. Unfortunately the production of vaccine was so limited that only 38 vaccinations could be completed before injections were discontinued for the summer. No further supplies of vaccine became available during the year.

The Vital Statistics tables have been revised and now list the figures for the last six years and the mean rate for ten-yearly periods since the beginning of the century. This enables a more informative comparison to be made.

I include a summary of the Report on Lung Cancer for information and record. Although the 18 deaths from lung cancer in the District during the last six years give a rate below the national level it is by no means insignificant and certainly not a reason for complacency. 12 of these 18 deaths occurred in the last two years.

No further progress has been made in the provision of a permanent M. & C.W., School and Dental Clinic for the town.

The Mass Radiography Unit visited Selby during the year and 1,168 persons were wise enough to avail themselves of this free health examination. 3 cases of active tuberculosis and 4 of inactive tuberculosis were found, also 8 other abnormalities.

In conclusion, I wish to express my thanks to the Members and Officers of the Council for their co-operation during 1956, to the Voluntary Committee at the Clinic and to the W.V.S. for their services in the distribution of welfare foods.

I remain, Your obedient servant,

S. KENNAUGH APPLETON,

July, 1957.

Medical Officer of Health.

CANCER OF THE LUNG.

On the 27th June, 1957, the Minister of Health informed the House of Commons that, "The Medical Research Council has advised the Government that the most reasonable interpretation of the very great increase in deaths from lung cancer in males during the past 25 years is that a major part of it is caused by smoking tobacco, particularly heavy cigarette smoking."

The great increase in the death rate from lung cancer is progressive and the 1955 rate was more than double that for 1945.

In 1956, 18,000 died from lung cancer, and it accounts for about 1 in 18 of all male deaths and 1 in 103 of all female deaths.

A carefully compiled epidemiological survey carried out in this country, and confirmed by similar surveys elsewhere, has shown with regard to lung cancer in men:

- (1) a higher mortality in smokers than in non-smokers;
- (2) a higher mortality in heavy smokers than in light smokers;
- (3) a higher mortality in cigarette smokers than in pipe smokers;
- (4) a higher mortality in those who continued to smoke than in those who gave it up.

The death rate amongst heavy cigarette smokers was found to be nearly 40 times the rate amongst non-smokers. The evidence suggests that the proportion of lifelong heavy cigarette smokers who will die of lung cancer is approximately 1 in 8 but for non-smokers it is only about 1 in 300. An important point is that those who give up smoking, even in their early forties, may reduce the likelihood of developing the disease by 50%.

In the District during the six years 1951-1956, 14 males and 4 females died of cancer of the lung or bronchus. The total for 1955 and 1956 was 6 deaths each year, the highest yet recorded.

Knowledge of the cause of the disease is incomplete and evidence by clinical experiment in man impossible, but the evidence from many investigations is highly significant in

incriminating cigarette smoking. In the opinion of the Medical Research Council the most reasonable interpretation of the evidence is that the relationship is one of direct cause and effect.

That being so, it is the duty of local health authorities who are responsible for health education to take all appropriate measures to ensure that the public is fully informed of the risk associated with smoking.

Once the risk is known, established cigarette smokers will have to make a decision. Some will stop smoking altogether; some will stop smoking cigarettes; more will modify their smoking habits; others being unable or unwilling to alter this addiction, will take shelter behind a veil of scepticism; for some it is already too late.

It is to be hoped that those who continue to smoke heavily, for whatever reason, will not be indifferent to or biased against the necessity to educate the public, particularly children and adolescents, about this known risk of lung cancer in smokers.

"If thyself thou canst not save, lead not others into the trap."

Old Chinese Proverb.

GENERAL STATISTICS, 1956

Area of Urban District	3,883	acres
Population (mid 1956)	10,200	
Number of Inhabited Houses	3,296	
Rateable Value	£105,367	(Apr. 1957)
Product of Penny Rate	£430/15/0	(Apr. 1957)

VITAL STATISTICS

	SELBY U.D.	Aggre- gate West Riding U.D.s	West Riding Admin. County	England and Wales (Provi- sional)
BIRTH RATE (per 1,000 population)	13.3	15.8	16.4	15.7
CRUDE DEATH RATES (per 1,000 population)				
All causes	12.1	12.6	11.8	11.7
Infective & Parasitic Diseases	0.01	0.07	0.07	—
Respiratory Tuberculosis	0	0.11	0.11	0.11
Other Forms of Tuberculosis	0	0.01	0.02	0.01
Respiratory Diseases (excluding Tuberculosis)	2.35	1.37	1.29	—
Cancer	1.67	2.05	1.89	2.08
Heart and Circulatory Diseases	4.02	4.76	4.47	—
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	1.57	2.05	1.86	—
INFANT MORTALITY (Deaths under one year per 1,000 live births)	29.4	25.9	27.1	23.8
STILLBIRTHS	35.5	23.5	23.1	23.0
MATERNAL MORTALITY (Deaths of mothers in child- birth per 1,000 total births)	0	0.69	0.52	0.56

Comparability Factors:

For Births, 1.01	Adjusted Birth Rate, 13.5
For Deaths, 0.93	Adjusted Death Rate, 11.2

**BIRTH AND DEATH RATES FOR SIX YEARS
AND MEAN RATES FOR DECAENNIAL PERIODS**

BIRTH RATE
(per 1,000 population)

1956	....	....	13.3	1901-1910	....	....	27.2
1955	....	....	14.7	1911-1920	....	....	23.0
1954	....	....	13.9	1921-1930	....	....	19.7
1953	....	....	16.5	1931-1940	....	....	15.5
1952	....	....	17.7	1941-1950	....	....	17.8
1951	....	....	16.1	1951-1955	....	....	15.8

STILLBIRTHS
(per 1,000 total births)

1956	....	....	35.5	1901-1910	....	....	—
1955	....	....	26.0	1911-1920	....	....	—
1954	....	....	20.7	1921-1930	....	....	38.6
1953	....	....	45.7	1931-1940	....	....	28.0
1952	....	....	53.2	1941-1950	....	....	37.5
1951	....	....	18.1	1951-1955	....	....	32.7

ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS
(per 1,000 total births)

1956	....	....	49.6	1901-1910	....	....	—
1955	....	....	32.5	1911-1920	....	....	48.4
1954	....	....	34.5	1921-1930	....	....	46.5
1953	....	....	28.6	1931-1940	....	....	38.4
1952	....	....	37.4	1941-1950	....	....	56.9
1951	....	....	18.1	1951-1955	....	....	30.2

INFANTILE MORTALITY
(per 1,000 live births)

1956	....	....	29.4	1901-1910	....	....	127.7
1955	....	....	33.3	1911-1920	....	....	97.4
1954	....	....	21.1	1921-1930	....	....	62.9
1953	....	....	47.9	1931-1940	....	....	49.1
1952	....	....	33.7	1941-1950	....	....	54.0
1951	....	....	30.7	1951-1955	....	....	33.3

NEONATAL MORTALITY

(Deaths in first month per 1,000 live births)

1956	....	....	29.4	1901-1910	....	....	28.8
1955	....	....	20.0	1911-1920	....	....	38.1
1954	....	....	7.0	1921-1930	....	....	33.4
1953	....	....	36.2	1931-1940	....	....	26.2
1952	....	....	27.9	1941-1950	....	....	31.1
1951	....	....	12.3	1951-1955	....	....	20.7

MATERNAL MORTALITY

(per 1,000 total births)

1956	....	....	0	1901-1910	....	....	5.08
1955	....	....	0	1911-1920	....	....	5.02
1954	....	....	6.90	1921-1930	....	....	3.11
1953	....	....	0	1931-1940	....	....	3.69
1952	....	....	0	1941-1950	....	....	1.59
1951	....	....	0	1951-1955	....	....	1.38

TOTAL DEATH RATE

(per 1,000 population)

1956	....	....	12.1	1901-1910	....	....	13.7
1955	....	....	11.0	1911-1920	....	....	13.0
1954	....	....	11.1	1921-1930	....	....	11.8
1953	....	....	12.2	1931-1940	....	....	11.7
1952	....	....	13.1	1941-1950	....	....	13.0
1951	....	....	15.0	1951-1955	....	....	12.5

DISEASES OF HEART AND CIRCULATION

1956	....	....	4.02	1901-1910	....	....	1.01
1955	....	....	3.74	1911-1920	....	....	1.29
1954	....	....	3.93	1921-1930	....	....	1.53
1953	....	....	5.03	1931-1940	....	....	2.41
1952	....	....	5.16	1941-1950	....	....	2.73
1951	....	....	5.96	1951-1955	....	....	4.76

VASCULAR DISEASES OF CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM

1956	....	....	1.57	1901-1910	....	....	—
1955	....	....	1.87	1911-1920	....	....	—
1954	....	....	1.08	1921-1930	....	....	1.24
1953	....	....	0.89	1931-1940	....	....	1.03
1952	....	....	1.59	1941-1950	....	....	1.50
1951	....	....	1.58	1951-1955	....	....	1.40

CANCER

1956	....	....	1.57	1901-1910	....	....	0.91
1955	....	....	2.56	1911-1920	....	....	1.16
1954	....	....	2.46	1921-1930	....	....	1.62
1953	....	....	1.69	1931-1940	....	....	1.73
1952	....	....	1.59	1941-1950	....	....	2.04
1951	....	....	2.18	1951-1955	....	....	2.10

RESPIRATORY DISEASES

1956	....	....	2.35	1901-1910	....	....	1.72
1955	....	....	0.69	1911-1920	....	....	1.90
1954	....	....	1.18	1921-1930	....	....	2.56
1953	....	....	1.38	1931-1940	....	....	1.57
1952	....	....	1.59	1941-1950	....	....	1.80
1951	....	....	2.77	1951-1955	....	....	1.52

INFECTIVE AND PARASITIC DISEASES

1956	....	....	0.10	1901-1910	....	....	1.53
1955	....	....	0	1911-1920	....	....	0.68
1954	....	....	0	1921-1930	....	....	0.43
1953	....	....	0	1931-1940	....	....	0.24
1952	....	....	0	1941-1950	....	....	0.06
1951	....	....	0.10	1951-1955	....	....	0.04

RESPIRATORY TUBERCULOSIS

1956	....	....	0	1901-1910	....	....	0.94
1955	....	....	0.10	1911-1920	....	....	0.92
1954	....	....	0.10	1921-1930	....	....	0.72
1953	....	....	0.10	1931-1940	....	....	0.59
1952	....	....	0.20	1941-1950	....	....	0.32
1951	....	....	0.10	1951-1955	....	....	0.12

NON-RESPIRATORY TUBERCULOSIS

1956	....	....	0	1901-1910	....	....	0.36
1955	....	....	0	1911-1920	....	....	0.44
1954	....	....	0	1921-1930	....	....	0.17
1953	....	....	0.10	1931-1940	....	....	0.16
1952	....	....	0.20	1941-1950	....	....	0.08
1951	....	....	0	1951-1955	....	....	0.06

BIRTHS, 1956

				Male	Female	Total
Live Births.—Legitimate	....	....	74	55	129	
Illegitimate	....	....	3	4	7	
		Total	....	77	59	136
Stillbirths	....	....	....	5	0	5

CAUSES OF DEATH, 1956

			Male	Female	Total
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	....	....	0	0	0
Influenza	....	....	0	0	0
Cancer	....	....	7	9	16
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System			5	11	16
Heart Diseases	....	....	20	20	40
Other Diseases of circulatory system			0	1	1
Bronchitis	....	....	10	7	17
Pneumonia	....	....	3	3	6
Other respiratory diseases	....	....	0	1	1
Diabetes	....	....	0	0	0
Leukaemia	....	....	0	1	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	....	....	1	0	1
All other accidents	....	....	1	0	1
Suicide	....	....	3	0	3
Congenital	....	....	0	0	0
Gastro-Enteritis	....	....	0	0	0
Hyperplasia of Prostate	....	....	0	—	0
Nephritis	....	....	1	1	2
All other causes	....	....	7	11	18
			—	—	—
	Total	....	58	65	123

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

Causes of Death in Age Groups

**CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE
notified during the year 1956.**

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.	NUMBER OF CASES NOTIFIED								DEATHS
	At all Ages.	Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 14	15 to 24	25 to 44	45 to 64	Over 65	
Small-pox ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Food Poisoning ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diphtheria (including Membranous Croup) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Erysipelas ...	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1
Scarlet Fever ...	5	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...
Typhus Fever ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Enteric Fever ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Acute Poliomyelitis, paralytic	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
,, non-paralytic	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Acute Encephalitis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ...	12	...	...	3	5	3	1	...	...
Other forms of Tuberculosis ...	4	...	...	1	2	...	...	1	...
Measles ...	10	...	7	3	...	...	...	...	...
Primary Pneumonia ...	8	...	2	1	2	2	1	...	...
Influenza Pneumonia ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whooping Cough ...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dysentery ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Encephalitis Lethargica ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malaria ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals ...	43	...	8	11	6	8	6	4	...

TUBERCULOSIS.

New cases in 1956.

	Male	Female	Total
Pulmonary ...	8	4	12
Non-Pulmonary ...	2	2	4
Total ...	11	7	16

Total cases on Register.

Pulmonary ...	37	23	60
Non-Pulmonary ...	7	9	16
Total ...	44	32	76

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948-51.

No action under these Acts was necessary during 1956.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.

(Extract from separate report to the Director of Statistics of the Ministry of Labour on Form 572, 1956)

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Owners Prosecuted
Factories with Mechanical Power	73	12	0	0
,, without Mechanical Power	0	0	0	0
Workplaces	0	0	0	0

Defects.

Particulars	Defects Found	Defects Remedied	Referred by H.M. Inspector	Prosecutions instituted
Want of Cleanliness	0	0	0	0
Inadequate Ventilation	0	0	0	0
Sanitary Conveniences unsuitable or defective	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0

WEST RIDING COUNTY DIVISIONAL HEALTH SERVICES IN SELBY URBAN DISTRICT, 1956

The Public Health Nursing Staff in this Division no longer works according to County District boundaries. Most of the figures in the following summaries refer to Selby U.D., but in a few cases the figures are those for the Urban and Rural Districts combined or for Division No. 10 as a whole.

1. BIRTHS.

Live Births	....	....	....	....	....	....	136
Stillbirths	....	....	....	....	....	....	5
Illegitimate	....	....	....	....	....	....	7
Males	....	....	....	....	....	....	77
Females	....	....	....	....	....	....	59

2. PREMATURE BABIES. Babies weighing $5\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. or less at birth.

			Living	Stillborn
(i) Born at home	....	....	4	1
(ii) Born in hospital	....	....	4	1
			—	—
			8	2

3. HEALTH VISITING (Division No. 10 as a whole).

		First Visits	Other Visits	Total
Expectant Mothers	....	269	505	774
Children under 1	....	651	5839	6490
Children between 1 and 5		2561	5396	7957
Other cases	....	—	1912	1912
Ineffective visits	....	—	1439	1439
		—	—	—
Total		3481	15091	18572

4. CHILD WELFARE CLINIC.

(a) Total number of children under 5 yrs. of age who first attended the Clinic during the year, and who at the date of their first attendance were under 1 year 127

(b) Total number of children under 5 years of age who attended the Clinic during the year and who at the end of the year were:

(i) under 1 year	....	....	....	....	....	76
(ii) over 1 year	....	....	....	....	....	115

Number of Sessions held:

Selby Methodist School Room	....	....	....	....	....	50
Total Attendance	....	....	....	....	....	1503
Average per session	....	....	....	....	....	30.1

5. SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE.

Attendances at Clinic (S.U.D. and S.R.D.)	....	....	....	....	....	404
Number attending Paediatric Consultant (at Goole)	....	....	....	....	....	2
Number attending Orthopaedic Surgeon (at Goole)	....	....	....	....	....	1
Number attending County Oculist	....	....	....	....	....	224
Number prescribed spectacles	....	....	....	....	....	107
Number attending Speech Therapy	....	....	....	....	....	8
Number inspected in School by School M.O.	....	....	....	....	....	969
Number inspected in School by School Nurse	....	....	....	....	....	5028
Number of verminous heads	....	....	....	....	....	41
Tests for mental defect, primary	....	....	....	....	....	4
Re-examinations	....	....	....	....	....	3
Reported to M.D. Authority as ineducable	....	....	....	....	....	0
Recommended for Residential Schools	....	....	....	....	....	0
Attending Residential Schools	....	....	....	....	....	1
Reported for Statutory Supervision	....	....	....	....	....	1

The following defects were found at medical inspections:

			Requiring treatment	For ob- servation
Verminous heads	41
Skin	0
Vision	29
Other eye conditions	1
Hearing	1
Other ear defects	5
Nose and throat	2
Speech	2
Cervical glands	2
Heart and circulation	2
Lungs	5
Developmental	1
Orthopaedic	4
Nervous system	0
Psychological	2
Other conditions	0

6. MATERNITY SERVICES.

Ante-natal Clinics:

Number of patients attending	....	....	....	133
Total number of attendances	....	....	....	849
Number of sessions held	....	....	....	48
Average attendance per session	....	....	....	17.7

29 blood tests were made on 28 expectant mothers. 5 were found to have Rhesus Negative blood.

Confined in Hospital:

Leeds Hospitals	....	....	....	....	8
York Maternity Home	....	....	....	....	73
Other ....	....	....	....	....	1
					—
				Total	....
					82

County Midwives.

There were 64 domiciliary confinements in Selby Urban District in 1956.

The following summary of the work of the County Midwives is for Division 10 as a whole:—

Number of cases	....	....	393
Number of Visits	....	....	12066
Gas and air analgesia	....	....	287
Number of midwives	....	....	9

7. HOME NURSING (Division 10 as a whole).

Number of cases	....	....	544
Number of Visits	....	....	14862

8. HOME HELPS.

Home Helps were employed for 48,330 hours attending cases in the Division.

The following cases were attended in Selby U.D.:—

Expectant Mothers and Lying-in	20
Illness	....
....
....	38
Aged and Ill	....
....
....	8
Children	....
....
....	2

9. IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

Immunised during 1956.	Children under 5 yrs.	103
	Children over 5 years	18
		—
		121
Refresher Dose	....	228
		—
	Total	349

Total number of children under 15 years of age who have been immunised up to the 31st December, 1956

Age—Years	0—1	1—4	5—9	10—14	Under 15 Total
Number	30	401	810	791	2032
Percentage	51.9			100	90.7

10. IMMUNISATION AGAINST WHOOPING COUGH.

		During 1956	Total to Dec., 1956
Under 6 months	....	....	1
6 months to 1 year	....	....	32
1 to 2 years	....	....	3
2 to 3 years	....	....	1
3 to 4 years	....	....	5
		—	—
		42	164

11. B.C.G. VACCINATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN
(13 years of age).

Number of acceptances in 1956 257 (72.7%)

Pre-vaccination Tuberculin Tests:

Positive (not requiring vaccination) 75 (29.2%)

Negative (requiring vaccination) 182 (70.8%)

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257

Number vaccinated with B.C.G. 182

Number re-tested after one year 152

12. VACCINATION AGAINST POLIOMYELITIS.

Children registered in 1956 ....	....	....	....	343
Vaccinations completed ....	....	....	....	38
First injection only ....	....	....	....	4

13. MENTAL HEALTH.

(a) **Mental Deficiency Acts, 1913-1938.**

The number of mentally defective persons under supervision at the end of 1956 was as follows:

		Male	Female	Total
Under Guardianship ....	....	0	0	0
Under Statutory Supervision ....	....	7	5	12
Under Voluntary Supervision ....	....	0	1	1
On Licence from Institutions ....	....	0	2	2

(b) **Lunacy and Mental Treatment Acts, 1890-1930.**

Admissions to Mental Hospitals by the Duly Authorised Officer during 1956 were as follows:

		Male	Female	Total
Voluntary Patients ....	....	7	4	11
By Temporary Order ....	....	0	0	0
By "Three Day" Order ....	....	0	0	0
By Summary Reception Order ....	....	1	0	1
		—	—	—
		8	4	12

14. COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE.

The following are the details of patients from Division No. 10 carried by the W.R.C.C. ambulances during 1956:

		Selby	Goole
Maternity cases ....	....	128	231
Accident cases ....	....	120	480
Other cases ....	....	5196	13080
Journeys made ....	....	2272	3805
Total patients carried ....	....	5444	13791
Mileage travelled ....	....	72519	89784

PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION No. 10

The County Districts forming Division No. 10 are:--

Goole Borough	Selby Urban
Goole Rural	Selby Rural

Area of the Division (in acres)	....	76,692
Population (estimated mid-1956)	....	45,260

DIVISIONAL OFFICE AND STAFF

6/7 Belgravia, Goole. (936/7)

Divisional Medical Officer and Divisional School Medical Officer:

S. KENNAUGH APPLETON, M.D., D.P.H., D.T.M.

Assistant County Medical Officers and School Medical Officers:

EILEEN M. R. BELL-SYER, M.B., B.S.

MURIEL J. LOWE, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.C.H.

School Dental Officers:

P. F. A. ELTOME, L.D.S.

G. O. WOOD, L.D.S. (Divisions 10 and 9).

Health Visitors and School Nurses:

Mrs. B. BEAL, Miss D. M. BUTLER, Miss J. DAVIS, Mrs. M. DODSON, Mrs. M. HARGREAVES, Mrs. M. KELLY, Mrs. L. PRATT, Miss A. RIDSDALE.

Home Nurses:

Miss P. K. AGER, Mrs. A. BLACKBURN, Mrs. S. CLAYBOURN
Mrs. W. E. DUFFIN, Mrs. L. A. POLLARD, Miss M. WHITTAKER.

Domiciliary Midwives:

Mrs. E. BALLANCE, Miss I. CAMPBELL, Mrs. M. COLLIER,
Miss M. I. GILHOME, Mrs. M. E. HORNSHAW, Mrs. L. KITCHEN, Miss M. ROBINSON, Miss A. TOLSON, Miss E. WHITLEY.

Mental Health:

Mrs. M. MYERS (Social Worker, Divisions 10 and 12).

Mrs. D. H. MILLINGTON (Home Teacher, Division 10).

Physiotherapy:

Miss E. ALDERSON (Part-time).

Speech Therapy:

Miss K. WADE (Divisions 10, 11 and 12).

Duly Authorised Officer:

Mr. T. G. FOSTER.

Clerical:

Senior Clerk: Mr. R. TOWELL.

Miss S. L. BRAMHAM, Miss F. A. CAMPBELL, Mr. H. DODSON, Mr. G. N. NOWILL, Miss B. REED, Miss J. E. SMAJE, Miss M. E. WORMALD.

CLINICS.

The following Child Welfare, Maternity, School Health Services and Specialists' Clinics are held in the Methodist Sunday School, Selby:

Monday 10-12: School Clinic Dr. E. M. R. Bell-Syer.
Miss J. Davis.

Monday 2-3: Ante-Natal Clinic Dr. E. M. R. Bell-Syer.
Miss A. Ridsdale.
Miss J. Davis.

Tuesday 2.30-4: Remedial Exercises Miss E. M. Alderson
(Physiotherapist)

Wednesday 2-4:
Relaxation and Mothercraft Midwives.

Friday 10-12: Minor Ailments Miss A. Ridsdale.
Miss J. Davis.

Friday 2-4: Child Welfare Dr. E. M. R. Bell-Syer.
Miss A. Ridsdale.
Miss J. Davis.

The following sessions are held in the Hawdon Institute, Selby:

Tuesday 10-12, 2-4: Home Teacher for Ineducable Children.
Wednesday 2-4: Speech Therapy.

The School Oculist holds eye-testing sessions 3 times a month either at Goole or Selby.

The Children's Specialist and Orthopaedic Surgeon have a monthly session in Goole which is available to the children of Selby. Sun-ray treatment is also available at Goole.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Inspection Work, 1956.

Inspections (including re-inspections of dwellinghouses)	752	
Visits in connection with the letting of houses	107	
Council houses inspected	28	
Visits in connection with infectious diseases	1	
Tents, vans and sheds	12	
Houses for filthy and verminous conditions	8	
Drains inspected	146	
Inspection of public sanitary conveniences	23	
Water samples taken	4	
Water supply inspections	10	
Inspections re rodent infestations	305	
Shops Act	13	
Cinema inspections	31	
Inspections of Milk Shops and Dairies	9	
Ice Cream premises	49	
Fish and Chip premises	49	
Sausage and Pork products	10	
Bakehouses	10	
Butchers' shops	51	
Wet Fish shops	11	
Grocers and Provision Merchants	71	
Restaurants, cafes and kitchens	22	
Market inspections	51	
Mobile Food Shops	72	
Licensed Premises	23	
Visits for food inspection	123	
Visits for meat inspection	241	
Carcasses inspected:		
Beasts	491	
Pigs	400	
Sheep	429	
Other visits, no access, interviews, miscellaneous	605	
	Total	4157
Housing applicants interviewed in Health Department	986	
Other persons interviewed	830	

During the year 94 notices were served under the Public Health and Housing Acts; of these 82 were complied with.

Details of Sanitary Improvements effected as a result of inspections made and notices issued under Public Health and Housing Acts:—

Roofs repaired and made weatherproof	....	....	....	73
Rainwater gutters repaired or renewed	....	....	....	64
Rainwater downspouts repaired or renewed	....	....	....	31
External walls repaired	....	....	....	19
Fireranges and firegrates repaired or renewed	....	....	....	9
Wall plaster repaired	....	....	....	34
Ceiling plaster repaired	....	....	....	13
Floors repaired	....	....	....	18
Window frames repaired	....	....	....	37
Doors repaired or renewed	....	....	....	6
Defective sinks	....	....	....	7
Dampness remedied	....	....	....	8
Miscellaneous (not included above)	....	....	....	13

Water Closets.

Roofs and walls repaired	....	....	....	....	27
Basins renewed	....	....	....	....	7
Flushing apparatus repaired	....	....	....	....	15
Seats repaired or renewed	....	....	....	....	6
Other defects remedied	....	....	....	....	11

Drainage.

Defective drains repaired	....	....	....	....	15
Choked drains cleansed	117

Storage of Refuse.

Defective dustbins renewed	81
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Cinemas.

No complaints have been received during the year and they were generally well kept.

Periodical inspections were carried out and any minor defects reported to the respective managers and remedied without the service of formal notices.

Meat and Other Foods.

Meat.—Total weight of meat condemned: 23cwt. 3qrs. 3lbs.

Food.—Total weight of food condemned: 49cwt. 3qrs. 12lbs.

This weight was made up as follows:—

Tinned food	....	....	....	939 lbs.
Other food	....	....	....	1859 lbs.

Food condemned is burned in the Baths furnace or disposed of on one of the tips.

Rats and Mice Destruction.

Number of visits and re-visits	....	....	....	347
Number of complaints received	....	....	....	37

Rat Infestation of Sewers.

The sewers have been treated on two occasions. The method of treatment is as follows: A 10% baiting test is placed in the inspection chambers, this gives an indication which sections are rat infested. The infested sections are then treated with Zinc Phosphide and from the amount of this poison taken it would seem that a large number of rats were killed.

Water Supply.

All houses are provided with piped water from the Council's deep wells at Brayton. During the year four samples were taken for bacteriological examination. All four samples were satisfactory.

HOUSING ACTS.

Herewith find particulars of condemned properties:—

The following Tables show the amount of work which has been accomplished under the Housing Acts since 1912.

Clearance Areas.

		Number of Houses			No. of Persons Displaced
		Demolished or to be Demolished	Provided		
1.	Clarkson's Yard	....	7	7	41
2.	Cape's Yard ....	....	3	3	9
3.	St. James' Place	....	9	8	36
4.	Ladysmith Yard	....	18	8	37
5.	Lee's Yard ....	....	5	5	19
6.	Abbey Yard ....	....	6	6	19
7.	Addinal's Yard	....	2	1	2
8.	Ouse Court ....	....	7	6	19
9.	Massey Street	....	5	5	13
10.	Lee's Terrace	....	7	5	21
11.	Pitt's Yard ....	....	8	5	21
12.	Underwood's Yard	....	8	7	22
13.	Middleton's Yard	....	5	5	16
14.	Adam's Court	....	5	5	18
15.	Ocean Terrace	....	11	11	37
16.	Swift's Yard ....	....	4	4	11
17.	Banks' Yard ....	....	5	5	13
18.	Flaxley Road	....	2	2	7
19.	Dam Bank ....	....	4	4	14
20.	Burton's Yard	....	4	4	15
21.	Chapel Yard ....	....	4	4	15
22.	Bulmer's Yard	....	4	4	18
23.	Waddington Place	....	2	2	9
24.	Wren Lane ....	....	3	2	8
25.	Water Lane ....	....	5	3	8
26.	Ullathorne's Yard	....	5	3	27
27.	Kay's Terrace	....	4	3	12
28.	Midge Yard ....	....	2	2	5
29.	Malt Kiln Yard	....	4	4	12
30.	Simpson's Yard	....	3	3	5
31.	Varley's Yard	....	2	2	5
32.	Lock Hill ....	....	2	2	6
33.	Dobson's Row	....	7	7	26
34.	Park Row ....	....	10	10	30
35.	Varley's Yard	....	2	2	4

		Number of Houses			No. of Persons Displaced
		Demolished or to be Demolished		Provided	
		Demolished	Provided	Demolished	
36.	Adam's Square	3	3	3	9
37.	Brickyard Cottages	6	6	6	17
38.	Church Lane	4	4	4	14
39.	Shipyard	2	2	2	7
40.	Shipyard	3	3	3	8
41.	Simpson's Yard	2	2	2	6
42.	Flaxley Road	4	4	4	10
43.	Millgate	4	4	4	15
44.	Otty's Yard	4	4	4	11
45.	Turner's Square	6	6	6	14
46.	East Common	2	2	2	5
47.	Addinal's Yard	4	4	4	16
48.	New Lane	3	3	3	9
49.	Millgate	2	2	2	5

Individual Unfit Houses.

Situation	Demolished or to be Demolished		Undertaking Accepted	Houses Provided	Pop.
	Demolished	Provided			
Smith's Yard	2	0	2	2	11
Gowthorpe	2	0	2	2	7
Brewery Yard	2	0	1	1	4
Riley's Yard	1	0	1	1	5
Lees' Yard	0	1	1	1	2
Leaper's Yard	0	1	1	1	4
Gowthorpe	0	1	0	0	0
Hope Yard	1	0	1	1	7
Prospect Place	0	2	1	1	1
Hodgson's Yard	0	1	1	1	4
Church Lane	2	0	2	2	9
26 Bondgate	1	0	1	1	9
76 & 78 Flaxley Road	2	0	2	2	6
14 Millgate	0	1	1	1	7
35 New Lane	0	1	0	0	0
126 Ousegate	0	1	0	0	0
11 and 12 Park Row	0	2	1	1	4
6 Prospect Place	0	1	1	1	3
13 Wren Lane	1	0	1	1	6
4 Pitt's Yard	0	1	1	1	2
16 Abbey Yard	1	0	0	0	0
14 Abbey Yard	1	0	0	0	7

Situation	Demolished		Undertaking	Houses Provided	Pop.
	or to be Demolished	Accepted			
15 Abbey Yard	1	0		0	0
34 Flaxley Road	0	1		0	2
90 Gowthorpe	1	0		0	0
2 Hope Yard	0	1		0	5
8 Preston's Yard	1	0		0	1
1 Preston's Yard	1	0		0	6
1 Midge Yard	1	0		0	3
7 Addinal's Yard	1	0		0	2
6 Addinal's Yard	1	0		0	3
17 Water Lane	1	0		0	4
15 Water Lane	1	0		0	6
3 Beaufort Place	1	0		0	2
Brickyard Cottage	0	1		0	1
*3 Hutchinson Yard	0	1		0	3
*4 Hutchinson Yard	0	1		0	2
*19 Westfield	0	0		0	7

Since 1939.

85 and 87 Gowthorpe	2	0	1	4
2 Church Lane	0	1	1	3
4 Church Lane	0	1	1	4
69a Wide Street	0	1	1	12
1 New Lane	0	1	1	7
3 New Lane	0	1	1	5
65 Wide Street	0	1	1	4
1 Haigh's Yard	0	1	0	0
2 Haigh's Yard	0	1	1	3
10 Shipyard	0	1	1	5
8 Market Lane	0	1	1	7
2 Market Lane	0	1	1	4
4 Market Lane	0	1	1	2
6 Market Lane	0	1	1	3
Cottage, Liversidge Sidings	0	1	1	3
8 Wren Lane	1	1	1	10
56a Micklegate	0	1	1	3
18 New Lane	0	1	1	3
12 Maltkiln Yard	0	1	1	3
1 Eastman's Flats	0	1	1	4
2 Eastman's Flats	0	1	1	3
Parvin's Yard	0	1	1	4
10, 12, 14 Market Lane	0	3	3	5

Situation	Demolished or to be Demolished		Undertaking	Houses Provided	Pop.
	Accepted	Provided			
3 Haigh's Yard	0	1	1	1	4
Cottage, Ross Carr Farm	0	1	1	1	8
56 Ousegate	0	1	1	1	6
11 Dam Bank	0	1	1	1	3
8 Adams' Square	0	1	1	1	3
5 Midge Yard	0	1	1	1	1
6 Midge Yard	0	1	1	1	2
64a Ousegate	0	1	1	1	3
32a Church Hill	0	1	1	1	5
24 Millgate	0	1	1	1	4
1 Massey Row	0	1	1	1	2
45b Micklegate	0	1	1	1	2

* Undertakings given to make houses fit for human habitation.

Staff.

I am pleased to say that Mrs. Foster and Miss Lewis carried out their duties in a courteous and efficient manner, very often in most trying circumstances. I take this opportunity to thank them for their willing service.

I remain, Your obedient servant,

WILKINSON LITTLE,

Senior Public Health Inspector.

